

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A mobile telephone including an image pickup unit and a base image record section for recording a base image, and having an image processing function of combining a combination object image picked up by the image pickup unit and the base image to generate a composite image, the mobile telephone comprising:

a composite image record section which records the composite image;

a mask image data record section which records a plurality of types of mask image data representing mask images to specify a combining position of the combination object image to be combined with the base image on the base image and an image pickup area for picking up the combination object image by the image pickup unit, the mask image data corresponding to the base image;

a reading unit which reads the mask image data selected from among the plurality of types of mask image data from the mask image data record section;

a display unit which displays a preview image generated by combining the base image and the mask image based on the mask image data read by the reading unit on a display, wherein the displayed preview image shows the image pickup area on the base image such that the base image surrounds the displayed image pickup area, and wherein subsequent to displaying the preview image, the display unit displays the composite image showing the combination object image as a through image on the base image and located within the image pickup area;

a combination object image holding unit which holds the combination object image which is picked up in accordance with the mask image of the preview image displayed on the display;

an image combining unit which combines the combination object image held by the combination object image holding unit with the base image at the combining position specified by the mask image data; and

a recording unit which records a composite image combined by the image combining unit in the composite image record section,

~~The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 1 wherein~~
the plurality of types of mask image data recorded in the

mask image data record section include the mask image data representing a plurality of types of mask images corresponding to the base image;

wherein the display unit one at a time sequentially displays on the base image the plurality of types of mask images corresponding to the base image, and each of the sequentially displayed mask images is displayed with the base image until its corresponding combination object image is picked-up and held, and each of the sequentially displayed mask images is one at a time sequentially displayed with the base image and all previously picked-up and held combination object images that correspond to one of the sequentially displayed mask images;

wherein the combination object image holding unit holds a plurality of combination object images which are picked up in accordance with the plurality of types of mask images displayed on the display; and

wherein the image combining unit combines each of the plurality of combination object images, held by the combination object image holding unit, with the base image at the combining position based on the mask image to specify the image pickup area of the combination object image.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 3 wherein the preview image is generated by combining the base image and the each of the plurality of mask images on the display when the display unit displays each of the plurality of mask images on the display.

Claim 5 (Original): The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 4 wherein when the combination object image which is picked up based on each of a plurality of types of image pickup areas specified by the mask image data is already held in the combination object image holding unit, the display unit combines the held combination object image with the base image at the combining position based on the mask image to specify the image pickup area for picking up the held combination object image and displays the composition image on the display.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 3 wherein whenever the image pickup unit picks up an image based on the mask image displayed on the display and the picked-up combination object image is held by the combination object image holding unit, the

image combining unit combines the held combination object image with the base image in order; and

wherein after the image combining unit combines all the combination object images with the base image, the recording unit records a composite image provided by the image combining unit in the composite image record section.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 3 wherein when a picking up of the combination object image to be combined with the base image is canceled on the way, the image combining unit combines the combination object image, which is picked up by the image pickup unit and which is held by the combination object image holding unit before the picking up of the image is canceled, with the base image.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The mobile telephone as set forth in claim 3, wherein each of the sequentially displayed mask images is automatically one at a time sequentially displayed with the base image and all previously picked-up and held combination object images

that correspond to one of the sequentially displayed mask images.